GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PRIMITIVE TRIBAL GROUPS COVERED UNDER POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) covered under poverty alleviation schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any studies regarding the performance and assessment reports of the said scheme has been carried out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been running a very liberal and exclusive scheme known as 'Development of Primitive Tribal Groups', under which the Ministry provides 100% financial assistance through State Governments as well as Non-Governmental Organisations for housing, infrastructure development, land development, agriculture development, cattle development, health facilities, educational facilities, income generation activities, livelihood programmes, social security, etc. The objective of this scheme is to alleviate poverty and to ensure socio-economic development of Primitive Tribal Groups. In addition, under the Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan, assistance is also provided for employment-cum-income generating activities and infrastructure development for the socio-economic development of tribal population, including Primitive Tribal Groups living below poverty line.

(c)&(d): The Ministry has already commissioned an evaluation study to assess the impact of the scheme of 'Development of Primitive Tribal Groups' through the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi in the State of Gujarat, Jharkhand, Orissa, Tamilnadu, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. The final report has not been received.